

7 Accessibility Features Required for Apartments

1. Public areas such as mailboxes, halls, laundry rooms, recreational rooms and lobbies must be accessible to individuals with disabilities.
2. All doors into and inside each covered housing unit (apartment) must be at least 32 inches wide.
3. Paths and routes through each covered housing unit (apartment) must be at least 36 inches wide.
4. In each covered unit (apartment), light switches, thermostats, electrical outlets and other environmental controls cannot be lower than 15 inches from the floor and cannot be higher than 48 inches from the floor.
5. The bathroom walls in each covered unit (apartment) must be reinforced so that grab bars can be added later if needed.
6. The kitchen and bathrooms in each covered unit (apartment) must have enough space to allow for use by individuals using wheelchairs.
7. At least one entrance to each covered building must be on an accessible route.

